

W.O., to J. George Adami.  
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1 West Franklin Street.

Dear Adami: There is in the McGill museum a very remarkable specimen of the colitis cystica polyposa, to which I am afraid there is attached no particular history. I thought that I had given an account of it at the Medical and Chirurgical Society, but I have failed to find it, and it was not entered among my post-mortem records. It was taken from a man aged about forty, a patient of Dr. Geo. Ross, who had for eighteen months suffered very severely with symptoms of dysentery--diarrhoea, mucous stools, and sometimes, I think, blood. The clinical feature, however, of the greatest prominence was the persistent pain. The condition is exceedingly rare, and my attention has been called to it again by a case in my wards at present, with dysenteric symptoms, and per rectum numerous polypi can be felt. There are also in the stools very remarkable looking bodies about two or three times the size of a leucocyte, colloidal in appearance, but evidently contained within cells, some of them resembling closely 'signet' fal cells. They are probably peculiarly degenerated cells of Lieberkuhn's follicles. Could you get anybody to take a photograph of the colon? If there is anybody who does that sort of work well you could just get him to come up some day, and send me a memorandum of the cost.

Please give my love to 'little Mary Cantlie'.

What a very nice paper that is by Martin and Hamilton. I am very much interested in the subject of purpura and allied states. We have been working with Wright's coagulation tubes lately, and treating some cases with the calcium chloride.

Sincerely yours,  
Wm. Osler.